Nepal and Bhutan etc. However, the Ministry of External Affairs have been granting access to scholars on individual requests. After some discussions, the following resolution was passed:

> Resolution X. The Commission suggests that all pre-1925 records relating to Kashmir, in the custody of the National Archives of India, be thrown open for research to all bonafide research scholars without any restrictions.

(17) Publication in a consolidated form of all the papers published in the Proceedings of the Indian Historical Records Commission

Resolution by Shri S.C.De.

Resolved that research papers published in the proceedings of the Indian Historical Records Commission be compiled and published on chronological basis for the benefit of Research Scholars.

Explanatory Note

A large number of research papers have been read in different sessions of the Indian Historical Records Commission and published in the Proceedings. These papers throw new light on many aspects of history which need to be modified on the basis of them. Since a few scholars have the opportunity to see proceedings of the Indian Historical Records Commission, they can not be benefitted by these research papers. But if the research papers are compiled chronoligically and regionwise and published in one or more volumes, it would be easy for scholars to utilise them for their research purposes. The Indian History Congress have already brought out such volumes, and they are found very useful and handy for reference.

Secretary's Note

There will be more than four hundred papers which were published in the Proceedings of the Indian Historical Records Commission. If there is sufficient demand, private firms should be willing to publish them in book form; if not, then it means another Government subsidised publication.

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In the absence of Shri De, Shri M.P.Das, Superintendent, Orissa State Archives, who was present, sought the permission of the Chair to move the resolution, but in view of a large number of resolutions for which the Chairman had already received requests from the members, consideration on the above resolution was put off.

(18) Setting up of National and State Institutes of Historical Research Studies

Resolution by Shri P.Sitapati Rao

In view of the importance of historical research in this country, it is recommended that each State Government consider the setting up of a State Institute of Historical Research Studies with a view to coordinate the research work of the various Governmental Departments of the State and Central Governments, the Universities and the other research organisations undertaking such research in each State. Such an Institute, along with the establishment of a State Council of Historical Research, would promote Historical Research Studies and enable the State Institutes to make valuable contributions to the history of India and its people.